



Elder Questionnaire

Glendale Christian Church

PROSPECTIVE ELDER QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: _____ Date: _____

Birth date: _____ Date joined GCC: _____

STATEMENTS OF FAITH & DOCTRINE

1. What do you believe about Jesus Christ?
2. Please briefly describe how you came to know Christ as your Savior and Lord.
3. Do you believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God and do you accept it as the absolute authority on all divine subjects?
4. Give a brief listing of the scriptural (New Testament) components of what a person must do to become a Christian.
5. Briefly explain who the Holy Spirit is and what he does for believers.
6. Briefly state what you believe to be the main mission/purpose of the Lord's church.
7. What does the Bible teach about an elder's responsibilities to his family?
8. Do you agree with Glendale's position as a non-denominational church, belonging to no human organization or ecclesiastical system?

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Have you read the qualifications of an elder and an elder's wife in I Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-16?

Yes No

Has your wife read these Scriptures?
(Please read them carefully together.)

Yes No

Do you see any items in the above scriptures that would disqualify you as an elder? _____
If so, could you briefly explain.

Are you faithful in your stewardship by tithing to Glendale Christian Church?

Yes No

Express your commitment to daily Bible reading, study and prayer?

Are you married? _____

How long? _____

Have you been married before? _____

If so, was it before or after you became a Christian? _____

If after, please briefly explain the circumstances.

How would you describe your present marriage?

- _____ Exceptionally stable
- _____ Very good
- _____ Fair, but good
- _____ Have stress of significant conflict

Please list your children and their ages: _____

Describe briefly where you feel your children are in their walk with the Lord.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Are you willing to abide by the church constitution/bylaws?

Yes No

Can you be faithful in attendance at the regular elders and deacon's meeting (held monthly), the monthly elders meeting and specially called meetings as may be necessary?

Yes No

If you have served as a deacon or elder before coming to Glendale, please give a brief listing and summary.

Please list the various areas of service in which you have been active and involved at Glendale. In which of them did you find your greatest sense of fulfillment.

If you become a GCC elder, are you willing to step down voluntarily from that position should you need to because of inactivity, heresy or immorality?

Do you sincerely desire to be an elder of this congregation?

Please note any questions you might need answered or specific information that would be helpful as you ponder and pray about the idea of serving as a Glendale elder.

I have read the spiritual, moral qualifications and practical duties for being an elder. Believing that those qualifications and duties are Scriptural and reasonable, I pledge myself to do all within my power to bring honor to this high office and glory to the name of Christ by striving to meet them.

Signature

Date

Did your wife also read the qualifications for being an elder? If she is in agreement with the qualifications and supportive of you, if elected, please have her sign below.

Signature

Date

CHURCH LEADERSHIP - THE SCRIPTURES

Please read and prayerfully digest the following.

References to elders (also called bishops, shepherds/pastors, and teachers) as they are found serving in the New Testament Church:

Acts 11:30

Acts 14:23

Acts 15:4, 6, & 23

Acts 16:4

Acts 20:17-35

Acts 21:18

Ephesians 4:11-16

Philippians 1:1

I Thessalonians 5:12-13

I Timothy 3:1-17

I Timothy 5: 17-22

Titus 1:5-9

Hebrews 13:17

James 5:14

I Peter 5:1-5

A Scriptural Overview of
THE ROLE OF A SHEPHERD
 (And Related Warnings)

PSALM 23:1-6

Feeds
 Leads
 Restores
 Guides
 Protects
 Blesses
 Saves

ISAIAH 40:11

Tend the flock
 Gather the lambs and carry them
 Gently lead the nursing ewes

JEREMIAH 31:10

Gather and keep

EZEKIEL 34:1-24

(Woes and Warnings)
 Feeding themselves instead of the flock
 Failed to strengthen the sick
 Failed to heal the broken
 Failed to seek and find the scattered
 Have dominated with force and severity
 Failed to care

Therefore, God Himself will deliver, protect, and provide all of these needs through His Shepherd Messiah

ZECHARIAH 10:2
 ZECHARIAH 11:17

God's people wander and are afflicted when there is no shepherd
 Woe to the shepherd who leaves the flock on their own

JOHN 10:1-15

A true shepherd will not have to disguise himself as such
 A true shepherd will be recognized (known) and accepted
 The sheep hear his voice
 He calls the sheep by name and knows them
 He leads them and they follow
 The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep

ACTS 20:28-35

Guard the flock
 Oversee the flock
 Shepherd the flock
 Protect the flock

HEBREWS 13:17

Must keep watch
 Will be held accountable
 Can bring joy - May bring grief

I PETER 5:1-4

Shepherd the flock: Through proper oversight
 Voluntarily and eagerly
 According to God's will
 Not for sordid gain
 Not lording it over
 Be an example